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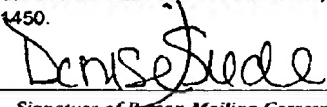
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 4, 2004 in the above-identified application, and further to the telephonic Examiner interview conducted on February 24, 2004.

On February 24, 2004, a telephonic interview was conducted between Examiner Paul Kim, Supervisory Patent Examiner Marc Hoff, and Applicant's attorney Mark Burns. The interview focused on independent claims 1 and 13 of the application, and the applicability thereto of the United

Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) publication. Applicant's attorney pointed out to the Examiner that the UKAS reference describes obtaining a total uncertainty value existing in a plurality of physical weights making up a single test load. By contrast, independent claims 1 and 13 recite a method of conducting a plurality of successively performed tests on a measuring device, and summing together the reported error displayed by the measuring device at each test to thereby obtain a summed display error. This summed display error is then compared to a tolerance level to determine whether calibrative steps should be taken on the respective weighing device.

The Examiner ended the interview by stating that he will reconsider the rejections of independent claims 1 and 13 based solely upon the UKAS reference.

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